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The KTRS Defined Benefit Group Retirement Plan: A Positive Impact on the State's Economy

As you know, a deduction is made from every paycheck that you ever receive, from your first date of employment to your last, to help pay for your retirement benefits. What you may not know is that your employee contributions, and the corresponding employer contributions, pay for only a fraction of your retirement benefits. When employee and employer contributions are made to the retirement system, they aren't just thrown down a black hole never to be seen again. They are invested in a diversified portfolio that includes stocks, bonds, real estate, timberland and private equity. Over the lifespan of KTRS, the investment earnings from this portfolio have provided the dollars for approximately seventy percent (70%) of all retirement benefits paid out by the retirement system. Employer and employee

contributions historically pay for less than one-third of these benefits.

The investment earnings as well as the accumulated contributions are injected into the state's economy in the form of retirement benefits. In the last fiscal year, approximately \$1.6 billion dollars in benefits were paid out. And since ninety-three percent (93%) of KTRS retirees remain in Kentucky, the majority of those dollars stay in Kentucky. Every community in the Commonwealth benefits from the expenditure of these retirement dollars as local businesses and jobs are supported. As such, your group retirement plan not only serves you individually, but it also serves as a powerful and efficient economic engine for Kentucky.

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FY 2010-2011 Furlough Days and Your Retirement Account

KTRS members subject to furloughs who complete a full work calendar under the new furlough schedule will receive a full year of service credit. Members will still have the five (5) grace days they currently have and for which they can miss and still be credited with a full year of service credit.

Furthermore, under the guidance of the emergency regulation and accompanying Personnel Cabinet documents, members subject to furloughs will have the option to purchase the six days of lost salary credit by making the necessary contribution. There are no partial days purchases. All six days must be purchased. Contributions received after June 30 of the fiscal year in which the member had furlough days will be assessed interest.

Contact your employer for appropriate forms. If you have any further questions, please contact KTRS at ...
1-800-618-1687.

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The retirement benefits paid to members who live in each county in Kentucky for the 2009-2010 fiscal year are listed below. These amounts will be even greater in the current fiscal year.

COUNTY	RETIREMENT BENEFITS	COUNTY	RETIREMENT BENEFITS	COUNTY	RETIREMENT BENEFITS
ADAIR	\$5,803,989	HANCOCK	2,327,430	NELSON	12,392,193
ALLEN	5,004,719	HARDIN	25,799,119	NICHOLAS	1,981,850
ANDERSON	6,189,502	HARLAN	12,750,879	OHIO	6,489,655
BALLARD	3,600,110	HARRISON	6,101,989	OLDHAM	14,971,402
BARREN	13,120,878	HART	5,085,082	OWEN	2,611,795
BATH	3,928,011	HENDERSON	13,359,655	OWSLEY	3,615,737
BELL	11,381,065	HENRY	5,363,750	PENDLETON	4,287,584
BOONE	26,213,505	HICKMAN	1,215,858	PERRY	11,648,561
BOURBON	5,984,861	HOPKINS	15,120,996	PIKE	25,658,541
BOYD	17,461,240			POWELL	3,692,336
BOYLE	13,571,950	JACKSON	3,648,518	PULASKI	20,996,812
BRACKEN	2,765,982	JEFFERSON	230,683,392		
BREATHITT	7,003,122	JESSAMINE	9,718,978	ROBERTSON	696,510
BRECKINRIDGE	6,110,119	JOHNSON	10,764,618	ROCKCASTLE	5,637,560
BULLITT	14,648,903	KENTON	28,059,001	ROWAN	15,062,587
BUTLER	2,530,633	KNOTT	7,455,421	RUSSELL	6,563,178
		KNOX	7,595,500	SCOTT	12,013,972
CALDWELL	5,733,550	LARUE	5,333,007	SHELBY	13,617,230
CALLOWAY	21,201,802	LAUREL	17,124,691	SIMPSON	5,374,555
CAMPBELL	22,527,968	LAWRENCE	4,283,300	SPENCER	4,138,423
CARLISLE	1,424,270	LEE	2,154,765		
CARROLL	2,716,613	LESLIE	4,464,851	TAYLOR	9,072,651
CARTER	10,899,817	LETCHER	9,970,740	TODD	2,628,852
CASEY	5,047,735	LEWIS	5,618,466	TRIGG	5,326,341
CHRISTIAN	16,842,789	LINCOLN	8,900,313	TRIMBLE	1,906,278
CLARK	10,572,359	LIVINGSTON	2,909,842	UNION	3,816,143
CLAY	8,793,064	LOGAN	8,606,390	WARREN	48,791,688
CLINTON	4,139,231	LYON	3,124,304	WASHINGTON	3,404,497
CRITTENDEN	2,075,605			WAYNE	7,156,848
CUMBERLAND	2,572,104	MADISON	41,875,340	WEBSTER	4,459,885
DAVISS	33,205,962	MAGOFFIN	5,155,618	WHITLEY	18,553,725
EDMONSON	3,018,085	MARION	5,095,048	WOLFE	3,779,999
ELLIOTT	1,822,100	MARSHALL	11,468,566	WOODFORD	8,942,725
ESTILL	4,427,457	MARTIN	4,209,939		
FAYETTE	88,041,172	MASON	6,216,039		
FLEMING	5,074,921	MCCRACKEN	22,055,363		
FLOYD	17,082,119	MCCREARY	6,015,814		
FRANKLIN	23,586,330	MCLEAN	3,313,441		
FULTON	2,435,003	MEADE	5,588,740		
		MENIFEE	1,840,025		
GALLATIN	674,067	MERCER	7,231,079		
GARRARD	5,377,933	METCALFE	3,403,928		
GRANT	5,558,655				
GRAVES	12,473,985	MONROE	5,220,228		
GRAYSON	8,634,506	MONTGOMERY	8,961,947		
GREEN	3,510,939	MORGAN	5,987,964		
GREENUP	11,795,949	MUHLENBERG	9,647,011		

**TOTAL BENEFITS
DISTRIBUTED IN
KENTUCKY
\$1,386,701,737**

Important Information for Year 2011 Retirees

The following answers are provided to help with often-asked questions pertaining to retirement.

If I am planning to retire this year, what should I do in preparation?

- **Request the KTRS Application for Service Retirement packet.** You will need this retirement packet from the KTRS office at **least 60 days before** your prospective date of retirement.
- You will be required to submit copies of your signed Social Security card and the official, certified birth certificate when you submit your retirement application.
- A copy of your official certified marriage license is required if married.
- If you select a payment option that provides a lifetime benefit to a surviving beneficiary, you will need to provide a copy of the beneficiary's official, certified birth certificate.

Does my employer need to complete any part of my retirement application?

- **YES.** Sections VIII and IX need to be completed and signed by your employer in order to finalize your retirement application. *Please allow sufficient time for your employer to complete these sections.*

What is the deadline to file for JULY 1st retirements?

- **JULY** retirement applications must be received in the KTRS office no later than **June 1, 2011**. All retirement applications must be submitted by the **FIRST of the month PRIOR to the month of retirement.**

When will I receive my first check?

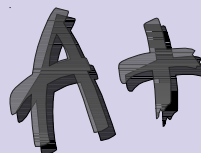
- You will receive your first check at the end of the month in which your retirement takes effect. *For example, if you retire June 1st, your check will be direct deposited on June 28th. Please be reminded that as a result of 1998 legislation, all retirement payments must be sent by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Section III of the retirement application requires you to supply your financial institution information and attach your voided or cancelled check.*

When can I retire if my contract is completed in May?

- To be eligible for the June effective date, retiring members must complete their employment contract and resign from their position by May 31st.
- A one-month service credit reduction will occur for June retirements.

If I am retiring this year, when will my medical insurance become effective through KTRS?

- Your medical insurance will be effective through KTRS on the first day of the month your retirement is effective. *(Provided your completed insurance application was received by the deadline.)*



**Your Homework
for a
Successful
Retirement
Experience!**

What you will need:

- **Your KTRS Service Retirement application.**
(Form 23) **(must be completed and signed by YOU and YOUR EMPLOYER).** See www.ktrs.ky.gov for the **Instructional Video** for help on how to complete the Retirement Application.
- **A copy of your official certified birth certificate.**
- **A copy of your Social Security card.**
(issued by the SSA and bearing its seal and your signature).
- **A copy of your official certified marriage license.**
(if married at the time of your retirement)
- **A copy of your beneficiary's official certified birth certificate.**
(if Retirement Option III, IIIA, IV or IVA is selected).
- **And remember to submit payment for certain service credit purchases two months prior to your retirement.**
(If you are qualifying previously purchased out-of-state service or purchasing non-standard, prior military, or out-of-state service to retire, the retirement system will calculate the amount due and notify you in writing upon receipt of your completed application.)

Career Planning Workshops

Registration 4:30 P.M. *

Workshop 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. (Local Time)

April 12

Rowan County
Middle School
555 Viking Dr.
Morehead, KY

April 26

Hampton Inn & Suites
70 Morton Blvd.
Hazard, KY

Pre-Retirement Seminars

Registration 8:30 A.M. *

Seminar 9:00 A.M. – NOON
(Local Time)

March 26

Maysville
Conference Center
24 E. Second St, Ste. 1
Maysville, KY

April 16

Holiday Inn
2910 Ft. Campbell Blvd.
Hopkinsville, KY

April 30

Newport Middle School
30 West 8th Street
Newport, KY

***Please visit www.ktrs.ky.gov for
all Workshop & Seminar
PRE-REGISTRATION. You must
PRE-REGISTER to attend!**

Deadlines for the Purchase of Service Credit

All forms must be
COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYER

FY 2009-10 Leaves of Absence *

*DEADLINE for purchase
is **June 30, 2011***

Contact your employer for appropriate forms.
Use form LOA-1

FY 2010-11 Unpaid Contract Days *

*DEADLINE for purchase
is **December 31, 2011***

Contact your employer for appropriate forms.
Use form LS

FY 2010-11 Leaves of Absence *

*DEADLINE for purchase is
June 30, 2012*

Contact your employer for appropriate forms.
Use form LOA-1

FY 2010-11 Salary Credit for the Six Furlough Days *

***Salary** credit for the SIX days must be
purchased **all at once** and **before**
retirement. Members do not lose
service credit as a result of furlough
days. (See article on page 1.)
To avoid interest, DEADLINE for
purchase is **June 30, 2011**.*

Contact your employer for appropriate forms.
Use form LS

* Contact your EMPLOYER for the correct form or they
may be found on our website at
www.ktrs.ky.gov/employer/active_member.

Questions: call KTRS @ 1-800-618-1687